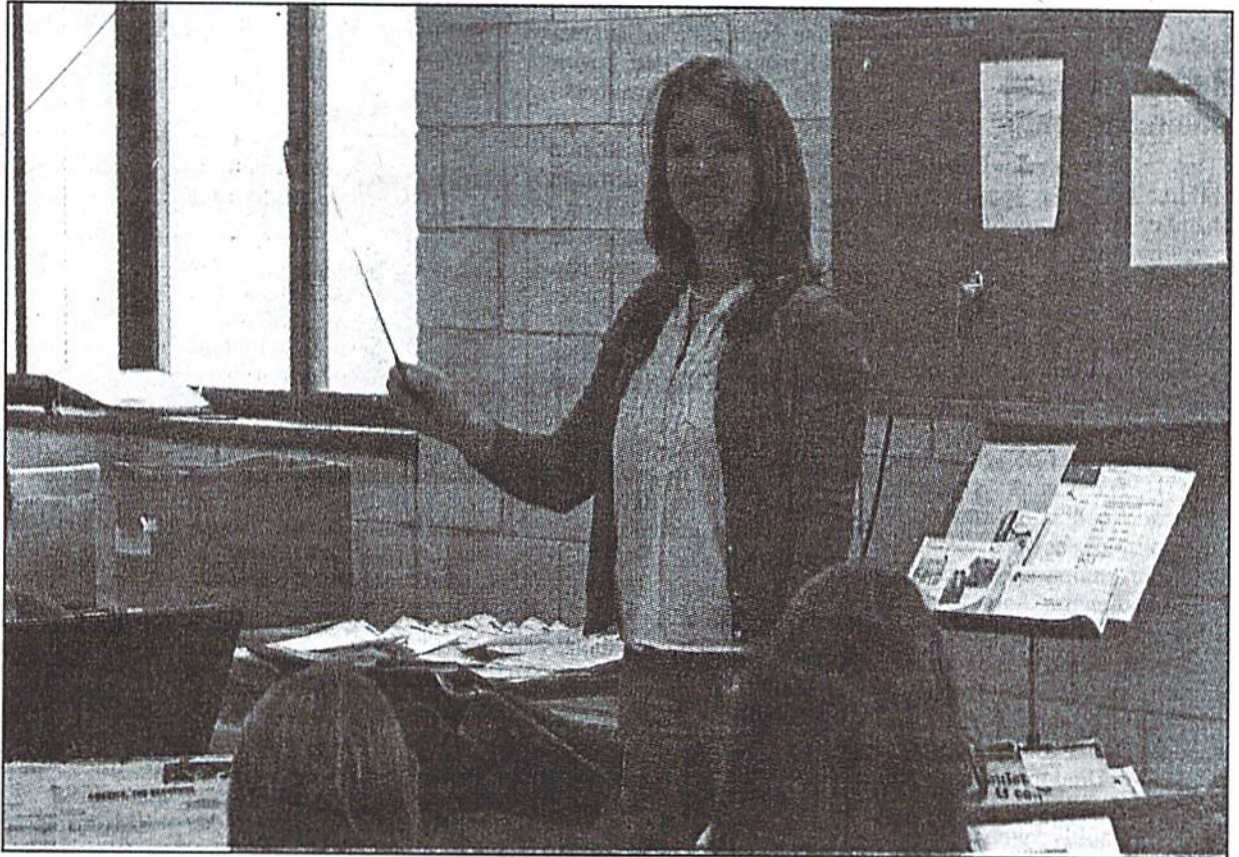


BOOKS & LEARNING

Cami Tedoldi: Duxbury Middle School

TEACHER PROFILE



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Cami Tedoldi conducts the sixth-grade band during music class. See a video of the band, under Tedoldi's direction, perform 'God Bless America' at www.wickedlocalduxbury.com

What do you teach?

Music, I team teach on the following classes with the rest of the Duxbury Music Staff: beginning 5th grade band lessons, 6th grade band and SGIs, Green and White Band, Green Orchestra, 7th and 8th Grade Chorus, Junior Jazz Ensemble and the Concert Orchestra at DHS.

How long have you a teacher, how long have you been at your present school?

This is my second year of teaching and my first year in Duxbury.

What are your hobbies?

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my dog, Miles. We run and hike together- you can often find us on Blue Hills. In the summer I enjoy spending time on Lake Winnepesaukee with friends and family. In the winter, I love to ski and snowshoe. Recently, I have become interested in cake decorating.

How did you decide to become a teacher?

When I was a young child I knew that I had always wanted to be a teacher, but I did not know what I wanted to teach. I had an incredible experience in my high school music program and was inspired to one day have the opportunity to provide stu-

dents with a similar experience. Music provides students with an opportunity to learn valuable skills beyond just "the music"- they learn how to be responsible, creative, take risks and be leaders- and if you work hard at something, the outcomes are very memorable!

Tell us your favorite classroom story.

Recently, during one of our 5th grade band rehearsals I helped a student play the bass drum for the first time. As he finished playing through a simple march he turned to me with the largest smile and exclaimed "I LOVE this instrument!!" It was incredible to see a young student get so excited about playing the bass drum- it is moments like these that remind me why I teach music.

What's the most challenging part of teaching?

Besides the countless hours spent on instrument repair discovering what motivates a child is very challenging. Every student plays an instrument or sings for many different reasons. I really enjoy finding out why students participate in music, and then eventually teach them how to really appreciate making music together, and how participating in music and the arts is truly a special experience.

What's the most rewarding part?

I love helping students to be successful. Successes are specific to every individual student. They can be as simple as learning a new note to performing on the stage of Symphony Hall. Regardless of the magnitude, I believe that all students deserve to be successful everyday, and watching them succeed is the most rewarding part of my job.

Finish the following sentence: Teachers are always...

...Being innovative. We are constantly trying to find new and different ways to inspire and teach our students. We are innovative with our ideas, and seek to integrate technology and turn an "old-school" lesson into something new and exciting.

Tell us something about teaching that people should know that they don't.

A great music teacher is also an incredible musician. Although we teach the instruments, coach the voices and organize the concerts, we are a staff of very talented musicians. From flute, clarinet, trombone, violin, oboe, piano, voice, guitar and drums, if you put us together as a staff, I think we would be quite impressive. I am so lucky to be apart the team of music teachers here in Duxbury.